

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

Wednesday, October 1, 1913.



Oats and Clover.
"On a piece of land in peas I want to sow oats and red clover to make a hog pasture in the spring. Will it be all right to turn the peas into a more compact state, I had rather feed the peas early in the season than to turn them into a green mass. The marl will be all right in either event."

A Back-to-the-Lander.

"I have been reading with interest your notes on farming. As I have but recently moved to the country, and know nothing about farming, I ask you to favor me with some information. I wish to sow two or three acres to wheat, and would like to know how to prepare the land, etc. I am raising hogs, so I also wish to sow alfalfa, and would like to know which time of the year it should be put in, and the kind of soil it needs. Perhaps you can tell me of some good book on farming which I might read. The land I will use has not been in cultivation for two years. As I am afraid to trust myself in preparing a fertilizer, I would like you to suggest a good one that I might buy. I wrote to Washington and Blacksburg for bulletins, but have had no reply, and am anxious to sow this fall." It is very evident that you know nothing about farming. You should have made your inquiries a month or two ago, when I could have started you better than at this late date. Land that has not been cultivated for two years, and on which you wish to sow wheat, should have been well plowed in July or early August to get it in the best condition for this crop. Plowed now it will be more difficult to get it settled and tined as wheat land should be. Now, I know nothing of the character of your land, only that it is in King William. There is good wheat land in King William and some poor sandy land that is not well suited to wheat. Wheat thrives best if a strong clay loam. Having such a soil, you can plow it well as soon as possible, and by harrowing and treading, with teams may get it settled and tined to some extent. Get good, heavy seed wheat in Richmond and sow with a drill about five pecks of seed an acre. Use with the wheat a prepared fertilizer that will run about 4-8-3. You

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WHAT ASK COURT FOREIGN DECREE

Attorney-General Williams Files Motion in United States Supreme Court.

INTEREST TWICE PRINCIPAL

West Virginia Will Probably Ask That Court Reopen the Case in Entirety.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, September 30.—Attorney-General Williams, of Virginia, today filed a motion in the office of the United States Supreme Court, which he will press on the first day the court begins its winter session, October 13. This motion asks that the court reconsider the debt case of Virginia against West Virginia, and render a final decree.

He will show that inasmuch as the court last year found a decree in favor of Virginia against West Virginia for \$7,000,000, but left the question of what amount of interest should be paid to the two States to settle for themselves, and inasmuch as the two debt commissions have failed to come to any understanding about the matter, that the court take up the case again and render a final decree, declaring, in addition to the amount of principal, which has already been ascertained, exactly what amount of interest should be paid by West Virginia to Virginia.

Tomatoes Falling.
"My tomatoes started off well and are now full of fruit. But all the leaves are dead and the fruit is yellowish and poor. What has been the cause of this?" I took a drive through the country near our city where every farmer plants a field of tomatoes for the canning house, of which there are more than fifty in my county. I saw fields after fields in the same condition you say that yours is, and I saw one field where the vines are still green and healthy and the fruit in a normal condition. The trouble in that case was the ground water failed to spray their plants, and the blight takes the leaves off, and you cannot have good fruit without healthy leaves. Between where I live and the business section of our city, the ground water crosses under the river, and I find it covered with the yellow stem ends of these sun-burnt tomatoes that have been thrown out at a canning house. This is an immense waste, and all falls on the grower. The tomato crop this season was unusually late, owing to the freeze in May, that made it necessary to replant the fields. But in any season I note that the average crop made by the farmers is not over four tons an acre, and at \$10 a ton there is no profit, but really a loss, to the grower. It is easy, with well-grown plants and good soil and good cultivation, to make at least ten tons an acre, and I have years ago made more than fifty tons an acre. It is the same with other crops. Why farming does not pay them, I see here and there everywhere men planting a field in corn when they know before they plant it that the land is not in condition to make a paying crop, and yet they do this same thing year after year, while around them are men who are farming well and growing good crops. They have eyes, but they see not, and they do not use their brains.

Salt in Shredded Stover.
Nansenoid county. "Will mixing salt in shredded stover in baling it injure the keeping of the stover, and will it be more relished by stock? I am thinking of shredding the stover when cured and baling it for sale. If the salt will be a disadvantage, please let me know." If the stover is perfectly dry when baled the salt may do no harm, and will certainly be of use, so far as the keeping of the stover is concerned. Stock may like better with some salt. But salting stover, hay or any farm roughage is not advisable for a good farmer. You should have stock enough to eat all such feed, and have the manure to go back on the land.

Pea-Vine Hay.
"I have been reading what you say about curing pea-vine hay, but there is one point you do not mention. Will rainy weather hurt the hay after it is cured? How long will the hay have to stay in the cocks? Rain is not desirable on hay cocks of any sort, but temporary rain will do very little harm to pea vines in the cocks, only needing to open and dry them. Long rains, however, will ruin the hay, of course. Is it better to have the hay covered, or to have it open and dry? How long the hay should stay in the cocks will depend on the condition of the vines when cut, and the weather in which they are cured. If the vines stay, as I have said, until you can take a bunch of the hay and wring it and can wring no sap to the twist, I have had it, in dry, hot weather, to get into that state in the third day, and I have had it to remain a week in cocks. Hence, I cannot say how long yours should remain. The condition of the hay is the test."

Time Marl.

In reply to several I have to say that I know nothing about the lime marl deposits in Southwest Virginia, and elsewhere that are being now advertised. If the statements of the company which is selling the deposit are correct, I would suppose that the article is as good as ground limestone. Then, as you can buy ground limestone in bulk for \$1 a ton, I cannot see that the marl is worth any more. The same is true of the ground water shells. These are an excellent article of lime carbonate, and there are places all along the Chesapeake where there are vast accumulations of these shells that can be had at a very low price, and a good profit could be made in grinding these at \$1 a ton, while the few who are grinding are killing sales by asking too much for the product. While fresh lump lime can be bought at the River for \$10 a ton, the ground raw rock or shells is not worth more than \$1 a ton. If the analysis of the lime marl deposits is correct, I can see no objection to its use. If offered at a price that farmers can afford to pay, it will take twice as much of the marl or of the ground limestone or shells to have the same immediate effect as burnt lime, and if the burnt lime is properly mixed after it is received, the talk about its caustic properties doing harm is all nonsense. I have used many a ton of burnt lime, with the best results.

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